

Amendment No. 1 to HJR0031

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AMEND

House Joint Resolution No. 31*

by deleting the final WHEREAS clause in the preamble and substituting instead:

WHEREAS, in 2014, the 113th Congress passed Public Law 113-73, which appropriated \$2.5 million for the first federally sponsored referendum on "options that would resolve Puerto Rico's future political status"; and

WHEREAS, the territorial government in Puerto Rico has submitted the required materials to the Department of Justice and scheduled this federally sponsored referendum for June 11, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee was the first American territory to become a state in the nation's history; Tennessee has often taken the lead; in the spirit of solidarity with the 3.5 million Americans on the Island of Puerto Rico; now, therefore,

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting the first resolving clause and substituting instead:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that this General Assembly urges the United States Congress to work with the territorial government of Puerto Rico to ensure a definitive and authoritative act of democratic self-determination in the upcoming vote.